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SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTIONS TO VIENNA II

1. LOCAL GREEK PRESS, IN THE MAIN, INTERPRETS VIENNA II AS FAILURE. ULTRA PATRIS, LURID MAKHI WROTE OFF RESULT AS "ZERO". LYSSARIDES PAPERS (TA NEA, ANEXARTITOS) SAW ONLY A POSTPONEMENT OF "FINAL COLLAPSE" THEY REMAIN DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF CLERIDES' ROLE.

A. CBC COVERAGE TRIED TO PLAY UP POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TALKS, ALA ATHENS RADIO (REF FBIS AT 081930Z JUNE NOTAL); SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS, HOWEVER, HEADLINED THAT ONLY CONCRETE RESULT WAS AGREEMENT TO MEET IN JULY. PAPER ALSO "REPORTED" THAT USG HAD NOT GIVEN UNSYG WALDHEIM ENOUGH HELP IN VIENNA II, BECAUSE USG OPPOSES "INTERNATIONALIZATION" AND FAVORS GOT-GOG SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. PRO-MAKARIOS DHIMOKRATIKI AND APOGEVMATINI JUNE 9 FORECAST POSSIBLE SHIFT IN GOC TACTICS, SAW NO EARLY SETTLEMENT IN VIEW, AND CALLED FOR RENEWED COMMITMENT TO "LONG-TERM STRUGGLE".

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B. CLERIDES' AGHON FOUND MOST TELLING METAPHOR FOR VIENNA II, DESCRIBING TALKS AS "CLINICALLY DEAD" BUT KEPT ALIVE BY UNSYG "INJECTION." AGHON WROTE THAT TALKS HAD PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS SINCE UNSC ADOPTED RESOLUTION 367.

C. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI AND DHIMOKRATIA LABORED HARDEST TO EXTRACT NUGGETS OF HOPE FROM VIENNA II. PAPERS ALSO RESUMED CAMPAIGN FOR BROAD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (SOVIET PROPOSAL) TO REINFORCE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

2. GOC HAS SO FAR AVOIDED DIRECT COMMENT ON VIENNA II RESULT. SEVERAL PRO-MAKARIOS PAPERS HAVE PREDICTED THAT GOG AND GOC WILL REVIEW BIDDING AT NEW ATHENS SUMMIT SOON AFTER JUNE 15 UNSC MEETING, PERHAPS IN CONNECTION RUMORED MAKARIOS TRIP TO EGYPT, LEBANON, SYRIA, LIBYA LATER THIS MONTH.

3. REFLECTIVE OF WIDESPREAD DISCOURAGEMENT OVER TALKS, VIRTUALLY ALL GREEK PAPERS HAILED GOC PROPOSAL, ANNOUNCED JUNE 6, TO CREATE PERMANENT RESERVE FORCE OF NATIONAL GUARD BY MAKING POSSIBLE THE TRAINING OF ALL MALES UP TO AGE 50. (SEE DATT MESSAGE.)

4. LOCAL TURK PRESS PLAYED UP DENKTASH PROPOSAL FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, CHELIK'S REJECTION OF GOC COUNTER-OFFER TO RETURN TO 1960 ACCORDS. SUNDAY REFERENDUM ON TFSC CONSTITUTION PREEMPTED VIENNA II IN TURK PRESS.
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